Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A housing for fibre-optic plug connectors, comprising:

 a housing body with the housing body having at least two housing parts, in which one
 end of a conductor cable can be positioned and the position of the conductor cable in the housing
 body can be secured, the conductor cable defining a longitudinal axis, wherein at least-one a first
 of the housing parts-has an defines a first opening, and at least-one wherein the first housing part
 includes a latching tab and is configured to ean be latched over the conductor cable through the
 first opening in a transverse direction to the longitudinal axis, wherein a second of the housing
 parts defines a second opening sized to receive the latching tab of the first housing part.
- (Previously Presented) The housing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the conductor cable can be accommodated in the housing, with the end of the conductor cable being prefabricated at least with a ferrule.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The housing as claimed in claim 2, wherein a compression spring can be prestressed by the housing, in which case the compression spring-is being mounted in advance on the end of the conductor cable before the end of the conductor cable is positioned in the housing, and the a position of the ferrule and of the conductor cable in the housing can be secured by the compression spring.
- (Currently Amended) The housing as claimed in-one of claims claim 1, wherein the housing parts can be connected via a latching connection.
- (Currently Amended) The housing as claimed in one of claims claim 1, wherein the
 housing parts include a plug housing and a closure cap, the closure cap can be connected to the

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plug housing in a longitudinal direction of the conductor cable, at least the closure cap is formed with an opening for latching onto the conductor cable, and the opening is in the form of a slot.

- (Currently Amended) The housing as claimed in claim 5, wherein the closure cap has
 two latching tabs, and the plug housing has latching eyes which are complementary to them the
 latching tabs.
- (Previously Presented) The housing as claimed in claim 5, wherein the closure cap has a flange.
- (Currently Amended) The housing as claimed in claim 1, wherein the housing is in the form of forms an FC, MTRJ, SC, Duplex-SC, LC, E2000, ST or DIN plug.
- (Currently Amended) A method for laying fibre-optic cables, in which at least one end of a conductor cable is laid to a plug-in location, comprising:

positioning the end of the conductor cable in a first housing part of a housing, the conductor cable defining a longitudinal axis;

assembling a second housing part of the housing over the conductor cable in a transverse direction to the longitudinal axis defined by the conductor cable; and

securing-the position of the conductor cable in a fixed position within-in the first housing part by latching the a second housing part of the housing to the first housing part by sliding ramped latches of the second housing part into openings defined in the first housing part; wherein at least one of the first and second housing parts, which has an opening, is latched over the conductor cable in a transverse direction to a longitudinal axis defined by the conductor cable.

(Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the conductor cable is
prefabricated with a ferrule.

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(Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 10, <u>further comprising:</u>
 <u>mounting wherein a compression spring which is mounted in advance on the conductor</u>

<u>prestressing the compression spring is prestressed</u>-during-the <u>a</u> connection of the first and second housing parts, with the position of the ferrule and of the conductor cable in the housing being secured by the compression spring.

12. (Canceled).

eable cable;

- 13. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in-one-of-claims claim 9, wherein the first and second housing parts include a plug housing and a closure cap, with the closure cap having a slot and being latched onto the conductor cable, and the closure cap being connected to the plug housing in a longitudinal direction of the conductor cable.
- 14. (NEW) A housing for fibre-optic plug connectors, comprising:

a housing body with the housing body having at least two housing parts, in which one end of a conductor cable can be positioned and the position of the conductor cable in the housing body can be secured, the conductor cable defining a longitudinal axis, wherein at least one of the housing parts has an opening, and at least one housing part can be latched over the conductor cable through the opening in a transverse direction to the longitudinal axis;

wherein the housing parts include a plug housing and a closure cap, the closure cap can be connected to the plug housing in a longitudinal direction of the conductor cable, at least the closure cap is formed with an opening for latching onto the conductor cable, and the opening is in the form of a slot.

- 15. (NEW) The housing as claimed in claim 14, wherein the closure cap has two latching tabs, and the plug housing has latching eyes which are complementary to them.
- 16. (NEW) The housing as claimed in claim 14, wherein the closure cap has a flange.

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17. (NEW) A method for laying fibre-optic cables, in which at least one end of a conductor cable is laid to a plug-in location, comprising:

positioning the end of the conductor cable in a first housing part of a housing, and securing the position of the conductor cable in the first housing part by a second housing part of the housing, wherein at least one of the first and second housing parts, which has an opening, is latched over the conductor cable in a transverse direction to a longitudinal axis defined by the conductor cable.

wherein the first and second housing parts include a plug housing and a closure cap, with the closure cap having a slot and being latched onto the conductor cable, and the closure cap being connected to the plug housing in a longitudinal direction of the conductor cable.

18. (NEW) A fiber optic plug connector comprising:

a plug housing having a first end and a second end, the plug housing defining a through opening extending from the first end to the second end, the through opening of the plug housing being configured to receive one end of a conductor cable having a longitudinal axis, the plug housing also defining first and second side openings on opposite sides of the plug housing; and

a cable cap configured to fit inside the through opening of the plug housing to secure the conductor cable to the plug housing, the cable cap defining a longitudinal slot extending from a first end of the cable cap to a second end of the cable cap, the slot being sized to enable passage of the conductor cable through the slot to enable the cable cap to mount to the conductor cable, the cable cap also defining first and second latching tabs protruding radially from the cable cap, the first and second latching tabs being configured to fit within the first and second openings, respectively, of the plug housing.